

**District VI Advisory Board  
Minutes  
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**Monday  
January 4, 2010  
6:30 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland  
Lounge Clubroom**

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The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with seven (7) District Advisory Board members in attendance, nine (9) city staff and five (5) members of the public who signed in.

**Members Present**

Jaya Escobar  
Charlie Claycomb  
John VanWalleghen  
Bob Aldrich  
Pat Randleas  
Scott Dunakey  
Carol Skaff

**Members Absent**

Marsha Carr

**Staff Present**

Mark Manning, Finance  
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant  
B.C. Hughes, Fire  
Officer Schwiethale, Patrol South  
Officer Davidson, Patrol West  
Officer Burnett, Patrol North  
Captain Tully, Fire  
Jim Armour, Public Works  
Shawn Mellies, Public Works

**Council Member Janet Miller** called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. welcoming everyone. **Miller** asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

**Approval of Minutes**

The minutes for December 7, 2009 were approved with amendments (**Claycomb/Skaff 5-0**).

**Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as submitted (**Skaff/Dunakey 5-0**).

**Public Agenda**

1. **Scheduled items:** No items were discussed.
2. **Off-agenda items:** No items were discussed.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action

**Randleas** arrives at 6:37 p.m.

**Staff Presentations**

**3. Community Police Report**

**Patrol South:** *Officer Schwiethale*, reported in Old Town there were concerns about a serial rapist in the downtown area. There has been one rape in downtown but there is no suspect. We have seen an increase in burglaries. The Intrust Arena held their open house which saw between 15,000-25,000 people. There were no parking issues or complaints and we were told some of the lots were only at 25% full. We did hand out six (6) moving citations and parking tickets and there were no larcenies to autos. What we did see is many cars were left unlocked. There are three-tier measures for the amount of police coverage based from the amount of ticket sales for each event. Our officers will be in the parking lots monitoring traffic flow while Sedgwick County officers will be indoors as security. Some suggestions made during the open house were 1) iced over sidewalks, 2)

signage for the bus lanes on Emporia street, 3) needing a four-way stop at William Street and 4) the use of flares or flashing lights with barricades.

**Escobar** arrives at 6:40 pm

**Patrol West:** *Officer Davidson* reported in the Riverside area crime was down. Officers are doing special assignment due to burglaries. We have seen an increase in auto thefts as cars are left unlocked and running. It's possible we may know who the suspects are but we will do a special assignment to investigate further.

**Aldrich** asked if he knew about the break-in of *Soggy Bottoms*. *Davidson* said he would find out.

**Patrol North:** *Officer Burnett* reported that crime was slow during the holidays but officers had worked on The annual Christmas Crusade getting toys for youth, providing Turkey dinners during Thanksgiving, etc. Officers have concentrated on larcenies we felt were gang related. There were 10 gang member arrests some with warrants and we caught two burglary suspects and arrested two for larceny to vehicles. All of this took place with combined efforts with SCAT. Also confiscated were eight guns, meth, cocaine and marijuana.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

#### 4. **Fire Department Report**

*Battalion Chief Hughes* reported on the overview of District 6 fires for November 2009. A fire report for all the districts was included with his presentation. The report includes the year to date numbers of all fire calls which includes structure fires, EMS and Rescue Alarms and Service Alarms. District 6 had a total of 43 calls for November. **Aldrich** asked about the report for December and *Hughes* responded the reports are always a month behind. *Hughes* said in 2008 there were 244 claims and to date for 2009 there have been 213 claims filed for insurance with a fire loss total estimate over \$10 million. **Aldrich** asked if insurance rates have a bearing over this. *Hughes* responded no as it is based on numerous factors. **Dunakey** asked if there had been an increase in EMS/Rescue with *Hughes* responding that 72% calls are EMS related. **Miller** asked *Hughes* if he would bring an end of year report for all to see.

*Battalion Chief Hughes* then introduced *Captain Tully* from Station 3 at 3200 N. Broadway. *Tully* was present to discuss issues of carbon monoxide poisoning. He continued that it is important that you have your furnace inspected to insure that it is in good working condition. Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition. Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified. Check the flue pipes and pipe seams. Are they well supported? Free of holes, and cracks? Soot along or around seams may indicate a leak. Deadly carbon monoxide may be escaping into your home. *Tully* said you need to change furnace filters on a regular basis and keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

**VanWalleghen** asked what the life span of CO2 detectors was. *Tully* responded there are so many styles/types to determine which is what you should have. **Aldrich** said the detectors with a life span of 10 years and a battery back-up are best. **Escobar** asked if something was wrong with my furnace do I call the fire department. *Tully* said it is better to contact a plumber. *Hughes* included you can always call the Gas Service for assistance if you think you may have a problem. *Tully* said if you begin to feel sick it's best to call fire for a medical issue.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file

#### **New Business**

##### 5. **2009 – 2018 Proposed Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Budget**

*Jim Armour*, Public Works stated he was at the meeting to answer any project specific concerns as he needed to go and present at another DAB meeting.

**VanWalleghen** asked about the 13<sup>th</sup>/235 interchange, what was happening with that. *Armour* responded that the project was not moving as fast as he had hoped and he was working with KDOT to try and firm up a better timeline for the project.

**Aldrich** asked about a flyover off of Hoover, if it was considered. *Armour* said there were no plans at present just some minor adjustments on the special assessed road and also because Hoover was not an arterial road. *Armour* included that KDOT was reviewing it at present.

**Claycomb** asked why the multiple districts for the McAdams Bike path. *Armour* said going through neighborhoods and not having to do much right-of-way purchase was the reason and it's cheaper than building a bridge. *Armour* concluded that the bike path would be a huge improvement.

*Dozal* stated that in previous CIP's there was talk about improving from 21<sup>st</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> streets along Arkansas and she didn't see it in the report this time. *Armour* responded there were other areas with more urgent need so that project was on hold.

**Claycomb** stated he wanted everyone to know that the Old Town upgrades were being done with TIF money.

*Mark Manning*, Finance presented on the City of Wichita CIP and how it outlines infrastructure improvements forecasted for the community over the next decade. Also Shawn Mellies was present to answer questions. *Manning* included the Proposed CIP includes \$665 million to finance 104 arterial street projects, including bike paths, intersections, street sections and neighborhood improvements. A total of \$93 million would fund bridges, including a new bridge over the Big Ditch. Freeway projects total \$195 million, and would include a Kellogg and Webb interchange, as well as design and right of way expenditures to the east and west City limits. Public Facilities expenditures of \$275 million are budgeted, with \$30 million to fund a new central library and \$92 million for a new Heartland Preparedness Center. *Manning* stated that a detailed listing of all proposed projects and the proposed financial plan is included in the 2009-2018 CIP documents available at [www.wichita.gov](http://www.wichita.gov).

The Board asked the following questions/comments: *responses in Italics*

- What is the projected revenue source due to the economy downturn? *I don't know what the financial casting will be; I can't determine whether it will go up or down.*
- Do we have a basic needs list developed? *Staff is trying to rebuild current infrastructure*
- Any projected short fall? *This past year we under spent for health insurance but it's too premature to know.*
- Can you take a closer look at the water increases in the budget? *The last three years have been our wettest years and it's just hard to project on some of these issues. The primary funding for our water is the CIP.*

**Miller** asked about the revenue projections for years 2010, 2011 and 2012 as you have spent a lot of time working on this. Is it possible to review this annually?

- What happens to the projects that are left off the list? In future years, if funding comes available will they move forward? *This depends on State and Federal dollars, as we will go for that funding if we can.*

**Miller** said projects such as 25<sup>th</sup>/Broadway/I-235 and the overpass on 21<sup>st</sup>/Broadway/Canal have been removed as they were never really funded. Hopefully we can do a railroad study in future years.

- Are there more improvements planned for Woodland Park? *There have been \$195,000 improvements already and I don't know if there are more planned.*

**Miller** said we could possibly use TIF money for the Brooks/Kingsberry Park.

*Barry Carroll*, 1134 N. Coolidge asked about a flyover near the zoo and if it was included in the 2010-2011 CIP. This is just a waiting process.

**Miller** finished saying if anyone had more concerns they could email her at [jlmler@wichita.gov](mailto:jlmler@wichita.gov).

\*\*\*\*\* **Action:** The District VI Advisory Board made a motion to receive and file the report.  
(**Claycomb/Randleas 7-0**)

## 6. **EPA Presentation**

*Barry Carroll*, Chairman for the Wichita Initiative to Renew the Environment (WIRE) group discussed the EPA Level 1 CARE grant they had received to solicit community input regarding environmental issues associated with air, water, solid waste and other environmental issues that impact the public.

Since its inception the WIRE project has completed the following activities:

- Established a design team steering committee and an Environmental Leadership Council consisting of representatives of local government, business, academia and education, environmental organizations and neighborhood associations.
- Completed over 50 discussion group sessions with over 1500 citizens participating. A majority of participants were from neighborhood associations.

*Carroll*, continued saying the EPA wants to hear from the citizens about environment concerns. At present we want to present to any group in January to hear our presentation and review our fact sheets to prioritize issues and narrow down what WIRE could do. We then plan to apply for the level 2 CARE grant that will continue to help implement some solutions.

**Aldrich** asked what is unique about this group from what other groups are doing. *Carroll* responded that this information is coming directly from citizen input. We will rate the issues and then determine our future plans. You can also keep updated by checking our website.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and File

## **Board Agenda**

### 7. **Problem Properties**

There were no problem properties reported.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

### 8. **Neighborhood Reports**

**Indian Hills:** It was reported there would be no meeting in January.

**Riverside Citizens Assoc.:** Everyone was invited to attend the January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting if they wanted to hear more about the CARE grant. It will be held at Gloria Dei Lutheran church near 13<sup>th</sup> and River Blvd. at 7 pm.

\*\*\*\*\***Action:** Receive and file.

## **Updates from the Councilmember**

### **Announcements**

- There will be a DAB meeting on 1-20-10 for a planning case.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. (**Claycomb/Skaff 7-0**)

### **Guests**

Kathy Dittmer  
Christine Eberle  
Barry L. Carroll  
Greg Boyajian  
Jerry Prichard

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant